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Chief Charlie Beck
100 West 1st Street, Room 1072
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Re: Video Release Protocol

Dear Chief Beck:

We recognize that the Police Commission has instituted a policy to release video information in the interest of transparency and we will, of course, abide by that policy. However, there is a strong concern among our members about the protocol that must be developed to accomplish the Commission's goal.

Our members are concerned about their faces being placed on the internet for any use that members of the public may create. Transparency about our officer's actions is not diminished by blurring the officer's faces. Uses of force are always ugly even when completely justified. Not blurring officer's faces will result in gang members making posters of officers to be distributed in their gang areas impeding our officer's ability to do their jobs. It also will result in family members, friends, and neighbors recognizing officers involved in uses of force and exposing the officer's children to potential harassment at school or while attending other activities. And, worst of all, the ability to download photographs of an officer's face may assist in retaliation attempts by criminals in those controversial cases that are sure to eventually occur.

Because of this, the League, on behalf of its members, respectfully requests that the protocol for the video release policy recently implemented by the Commission provide for the blurring of the faces of the officers involved prior to posting on the internet. It is a matter of officer safety.

Sincerely,

Craig D Lally

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